As you may be aware, there have been many incidents of threats made to schools across New South Wales. Our school received a phone call today from a person threatening the safety of students. Our school followed our lockdown procedures immediately to support the safety of our students and school members. The police were contacted and attended.

All students were accounted for within minutes of the Lockdown commencing. The police then visited each classroom to check all students. The police congratulated our school on our timely response and procedures that we have in place.

Parents are invited to meet with their child’s classroom teacher tomorrow at 3.00-4.30pm. Due to the scorching temperatures that are expected, primary teachers will meet parents in their classrooms and infants teachers will be located in the Learning Centre. A BBQ will be provided and served from the Staffroom.

All students will have a Personalised Learning Plan developed. We value parent input in developing learning goals for our students. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a suitable time. We look forward in seeing everyone tomorrow.
“Never do something permanently foolish just because you are temporarily upset.”

**Swimming Carnival**

Yesterday we had a picture perfect day for our annual Swimming Carnival. We started our day by testing students’ swimming abilities and banding them accordingly to their capability. This enabled students to participate safely in structured water activities.

The day was very successful. Many students broke school records and personal bests. It was truly great to see how well our students are developing their swimming skills.

The District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 26 February. Students need to meet set times in order to be invited to attend.

**Safety Concern**

There have been a number of reports to the school of students visiting the skate park before school and meeting up with their friends. Parents please ensure your child walks directly to school so that they can arrive safely.

**Assemblies**

Assemblies are held every fortnight on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm. The Primary assembly is held in the Hall. The Infant’s assembly is held in the Library. Parents are most welcome.

**Important Dates**

- PLP Parent BBQ 3.00pm 24 February
- District Swimming Carnival 26 February
- Premier’s Reading Challenge begins 1 March
- Harmony Day 2 March
- Clean Up Australia week 3 March
- Athletics Carnival 4 March
- Peer Support Camp 17-18 March

**Canteen Roster**

- Wed: C.Barby
- Thurs: C.Barby - Help needed
- Fri: T.Bennett, B.Chapple
- Mon: C.Barby
- Tues: C.Barby

**Messages for our parents**
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey was sent home with students last week. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 11 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

After School Sport

After school sport begins next Monday for Infants children and next Wednesday for Primary. The sports programs will run from 3pm-4pm these days and the children will be provided with a small healthy snack.

The program is available for all students at Ashmont Public School and is a free sports initiative provided by the school. Peter Little will provide a range of fun and engaging activities for the children. Please be advised that they need to be picked up from the school by a parent and are not to walk home.

Toriarna Honeysett - Our own Published Author.

Congratulations to Toriarna Honeysett, who entered the ‘Write For Fun’ competition last year and was successful with her short story ‘Greg Inglis and his Traditional Dance’.

Toriarna is pictured here with her own copy of ‘Read, Write, Repeat’, which is a collaboration of works from the successful entrants. Well Done, Toriarna!
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Afterschool Sport

Mondays 3 - 4pm
Infants

Wednesdays 3 - 4pm
Primary

Parent and Community Art Workshops

Every Monday from 2.30pm
Try your hand at clay, painting and weaving. If you have an art or craft skill you would like to share, let Kath know and we can run that as well.
All welcome.

AFTERSCHOOL SPORT

Congratulations to all our district swimmers who will be competing on Friday 26 February at the district swimming carnival.
Good Luck Everyone!

IT’S ON AGAIN! WAGGA’S MONSTER GARAGE SALE

Saturday 27th February 2016. 7am to 3pm
Thousands of good quality items all at bargain prices.
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